

9th Edition of the Massachusetts State Building Code – 780 CMR

Includes Specialized Codes and Referenced Standards

Codes of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) and Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.)

The Massachusetts State Building Code consists of a “Base Code” & “Residential Code” sets of amendments to the following 2015 Codes as published by the International Code Council (ICC).

- International Building Code (IBC)
- International Residential Code (IRC)
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC)
- International Mechanical Code (IMC)
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- International Swimming Pool & Spa Code (ISPSC)
- Portions of the International Fire Code (IFC)

Base Codes aka Commercial Codes: *All buildings other than one and two family dwellings*

- 2015 International Building Code: [2015 IBC](#)
- 9th Edition Base Amendments to the 2015 IBC: [9th Edition Base Code 780 CMR](#)
- [M.G.L. Chapter 143](#) § 3, 3A, 3Y, 3Z and § 93 through 100
- 2015 International Fire Code (portions as referenced in the IBC): [2015 IFC](#)
- 2015 International Existing Building Code: [2015 IEBC](#)
- 9th Edition Base Amendments to the 2015 IEBC: [780 CMR Chapter 34](#)
- Accessibility Codes /Architectural Access Board: [521 CMR](#)

Residential Codes *Detached one and two family dwellings (Townhouses 3 stories or less)*

- 2015 International Residential Code: [2015 IRC](#)
- 9th Edition Residential Amendments to the 2015 IRC: [9th Edition Residential Code 780 CMR Chapter 51](#)
- [M.G.L. Chapter 143](#) § 3, 3A, 3Y, 3Z and § 93 through 100

Energy Codes *Residential and Commercial (Base)*

- International Energy Conservation Code: [2015 IECC](#)
- 9th Edition Residential Amendments to the 2015 IECC: [780 CMR 51:00 Chapter 11](#) : Energy Efficiency
- 9th Edition Base Amendments to the 2015 IECC: [780 CMR Chapter 13](#) : Energy Efficiency
- Stretch Energy Code: [780 CMR Appendix AA Stretch Energy Code](#)

Swimming Pool & Spa Codes

- International Swimming Pool & Spa Code: [2015 ISPSC](#)
- [M.G.L. Chapter 140 § 206](#) Public and Semi-Public Outdoor In Ground Swimming Pools

Mechanical Codes *Mechanical systems, ventilation, exhaust and duct systems*

- 2015 International Mechanical Code: [2015 IMC](#)

Sheet Metal Code - Board of Examiners of Sheet Metal Workers: [271 CMR](#)

- [M.G.L. Chapter 112](#) § 237 through § 251

Mass Fire Safety Code: [2015 NFPA 1](#) with Mass Amendments [527 CMR 1](#)

- [M.G.L. Chapter 148](#) Fire Prevention: Automatic Sprinklers: § 26A, 26A ½, 26G, 26G ½, 26H, 27A ½

Mass Electrical Code: 2017 National Electric Code: [2017 NFPA 70](#) with Mass Amendments [527 CMR 12](#)

- [M.G.L. Chapter 141](#) Supervision of Electricians

Mass Plumbing and Gas Code: [248 CMR](#) - Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters

- [M.G.L. Chapter 142](#) Supervision of Plumbing

Links:

[BBRS: Board of Building Regulations & Standards-780 CMR](#) Office of Public Safety and Inspections

[CMR: Codes of Massachusetts Regulations Index](#)

[ICC: International Code Council Public Access](#)

[M.G.L.: Massachusetts General Laws](#)

[NFPA: National Fire Prevention Association](#)

[Ipswich Town Charter & Bylaws](#)

[Ipswich Protective Zoning Bylaws](#) (As Amended through May, 2018) [M.G.L. Chapter 40A Zoning](#)